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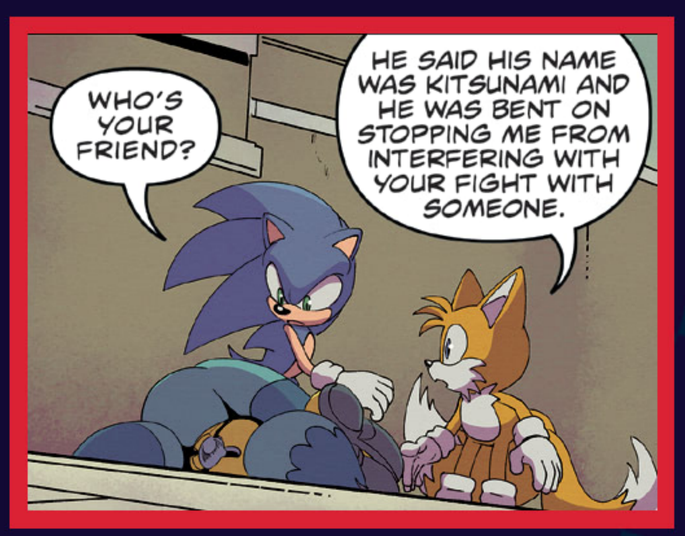
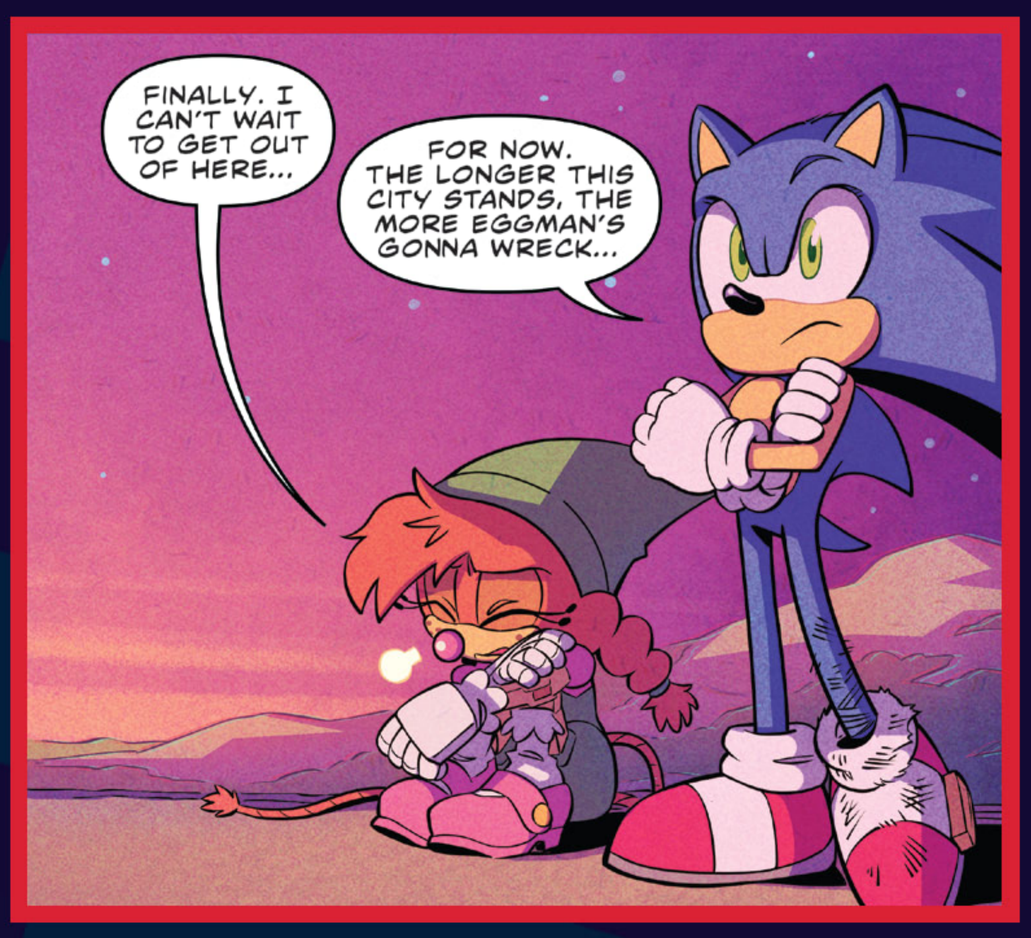
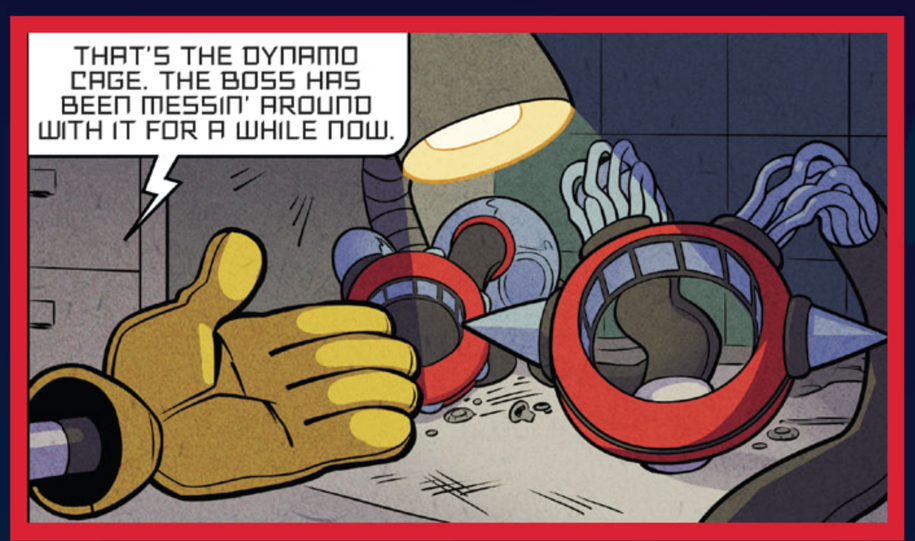
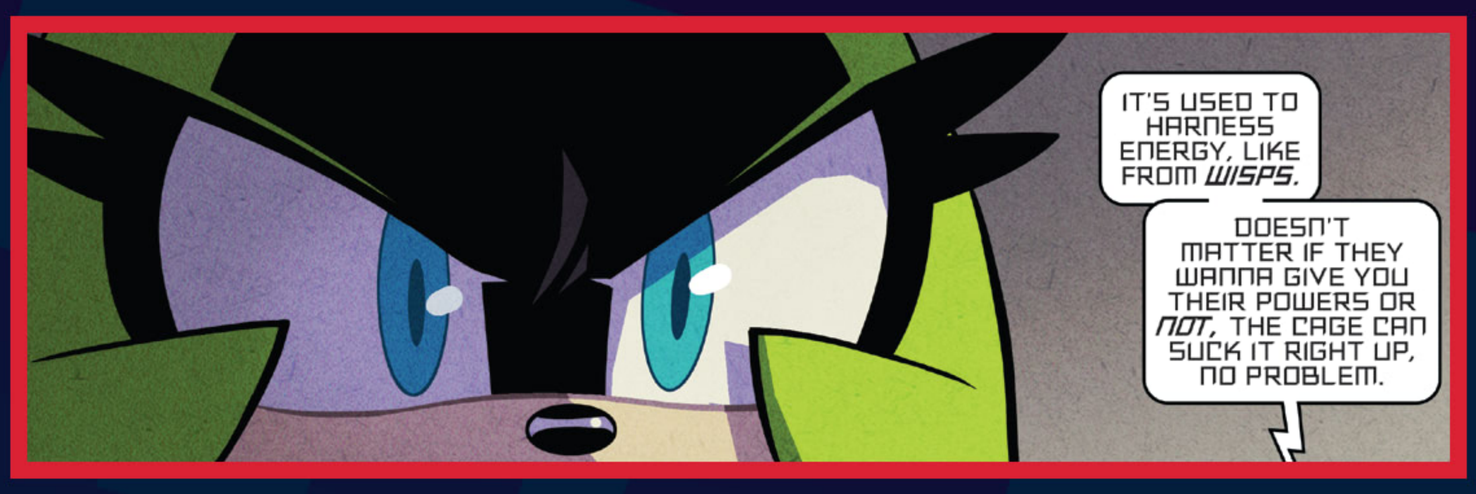

WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
HE SAID HIS NAME WAS KITSUNAMI AND HE WAS BENT ON STOPPING ME FROM INTERFERING WITH YOUR FIGHT WITH SOMEONE.


FINALLY. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
FOR NOW. THE LONGER THIS CITY STANDS, THE MORE EGGMAN'S GONNA WRECK...


THAT'S THE DYNAMO CAGE. THE BOSS HAS BEEN MESSIN' AROUND WITH IT FOR A WHILE NOW.

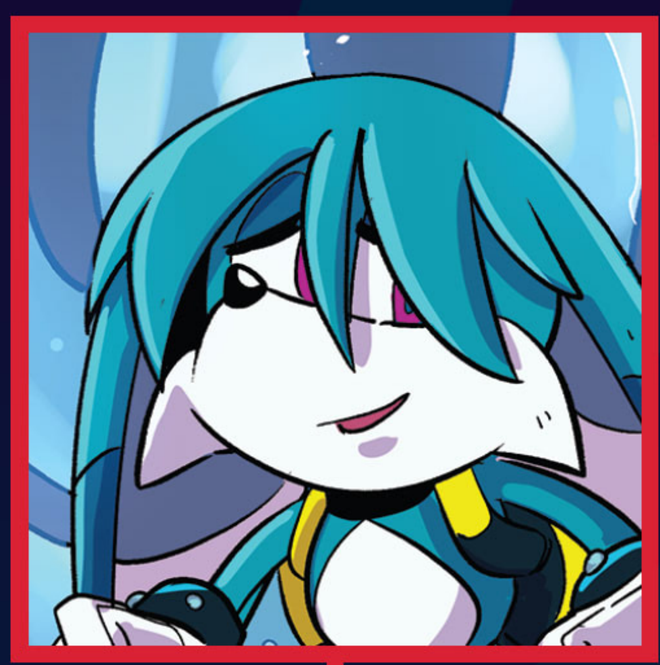

IT'S USED TO HARNESS ENERGY, LIKE FROM *WISPS*.
DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY WANNA GIVE YOU THEIR POWERS OR *NOT*, THE CAGE CAN SUCK IT RIGHT UP, NO PROBLEM.

STORY SO FAR

SORRY, THAT WAS *ME*.
EH?
OOH, *YEAH*...
...THIS IS GONNA BE *FUN*.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



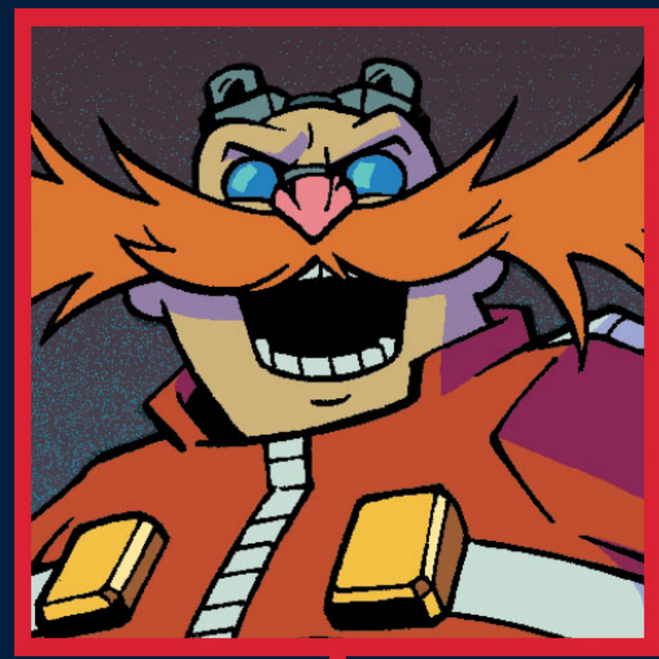
KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC
Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hyrdromancer.

BELLE THE TINKERER
Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic newcomer.

JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.

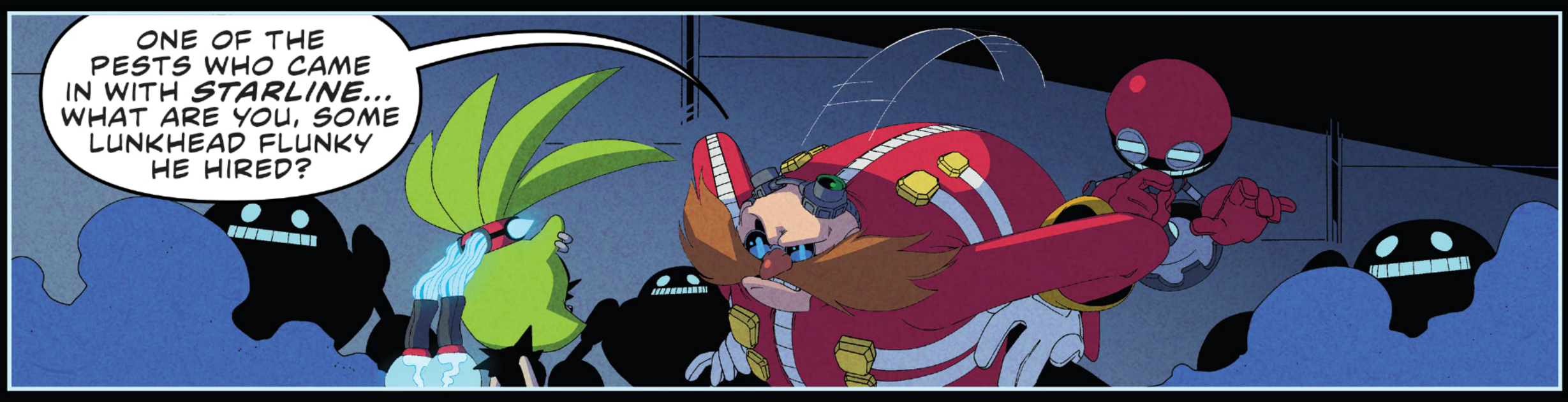
WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.

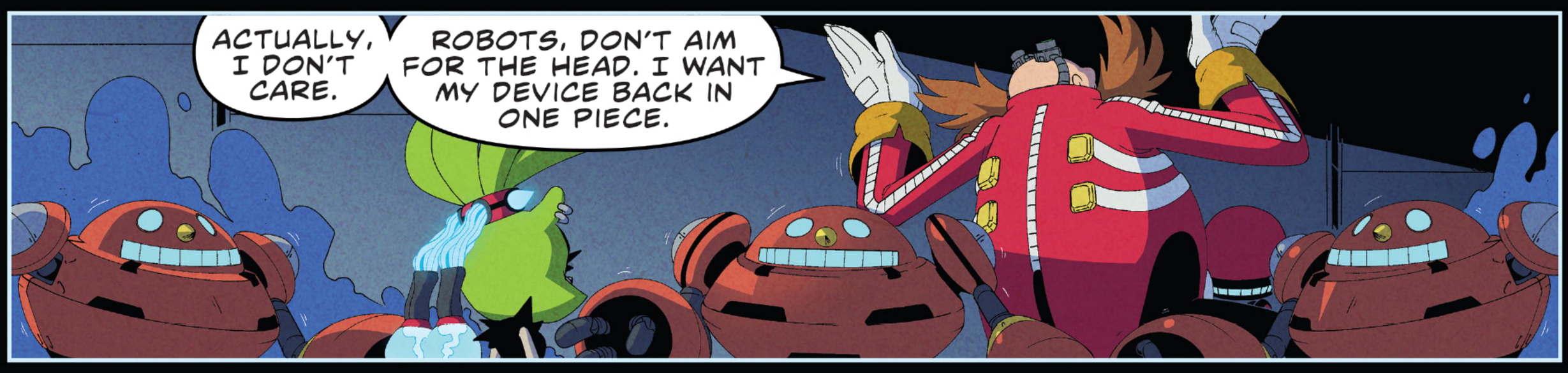
SURGE THE TENREC
The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.



DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.

WHO'S IN THERE? IT BETTER NOT BE SONIC...
CUBOT? SPEAK TO ME!
SSH! CUBOT'S NOT HERE!
NOT SONIC...
...BETTER.
HUH, SO YOU'RE EGGMAN.
I'M TAKING YOUR STUFF.





BUDDA-BUDDA-BUDDA

WHAT DID SHE THINK THE DYNAMO CAGE WAS, A *HAT*? THE THINGS I HAVE TO DEAL WITH...

UH, *BOSS*?

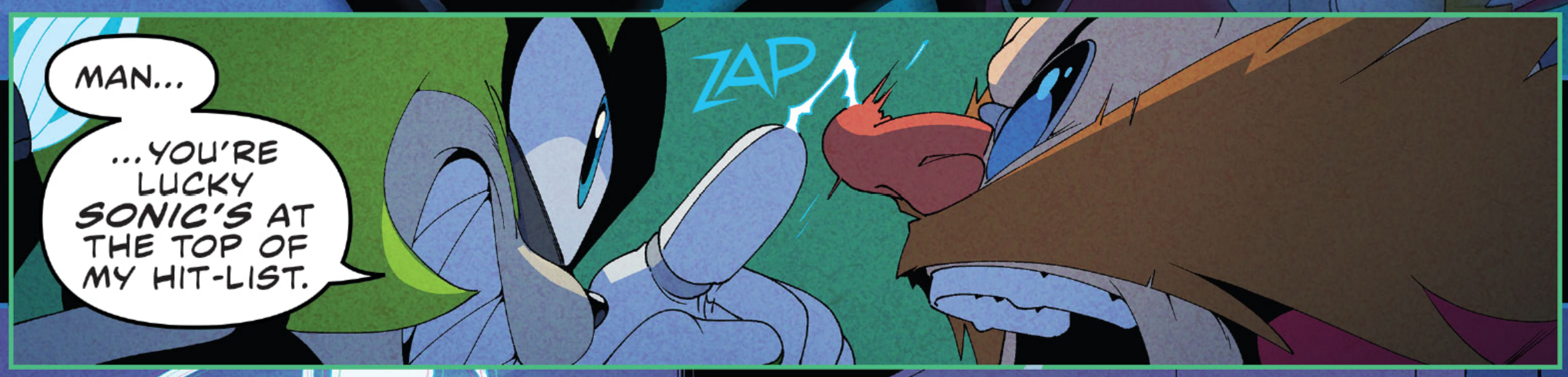
UGH, *WHAT NOW*?

I THINK WE MAY HAVE A BIT OF A PROBLEM...

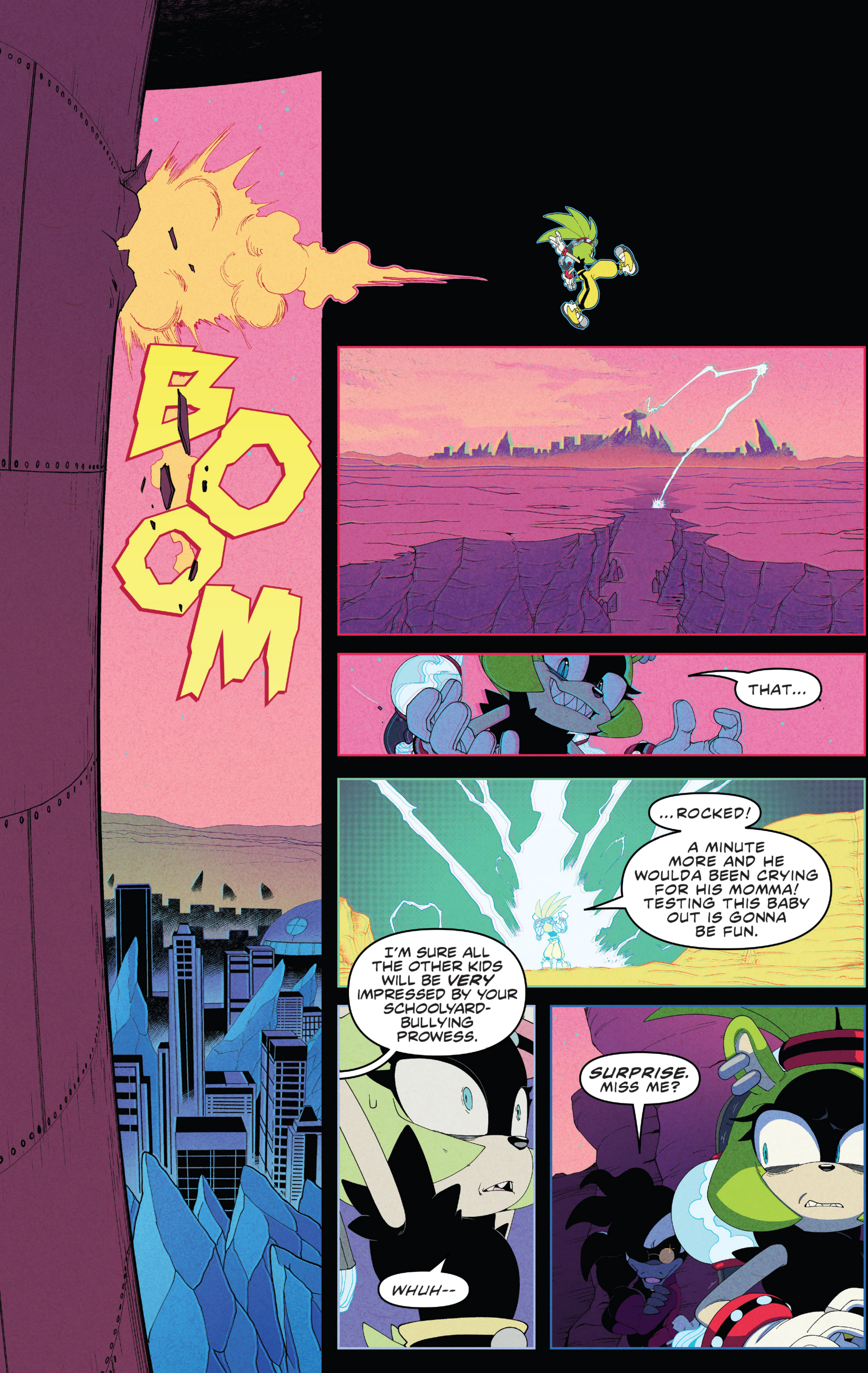
GROOVY.

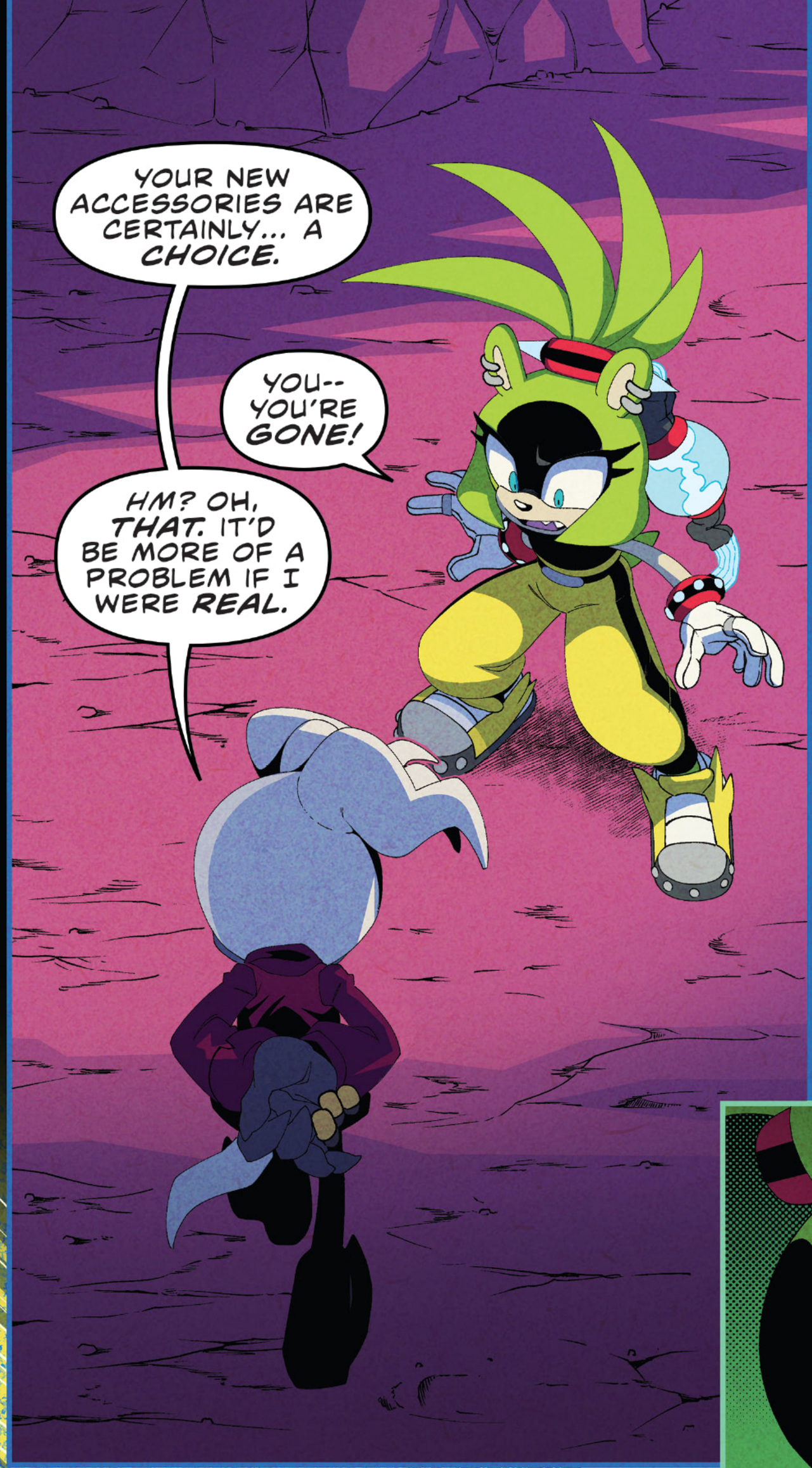
THAT IS NOT HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY DYNAMO CAGE?!
PFF, YOU GENIUS DOCTOR-TYPES THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.

IT'S NOT YOUR "DYNAMO CAGE" ANYMORE. IT'S MINE, AND I'LL USE IT MY WAY.

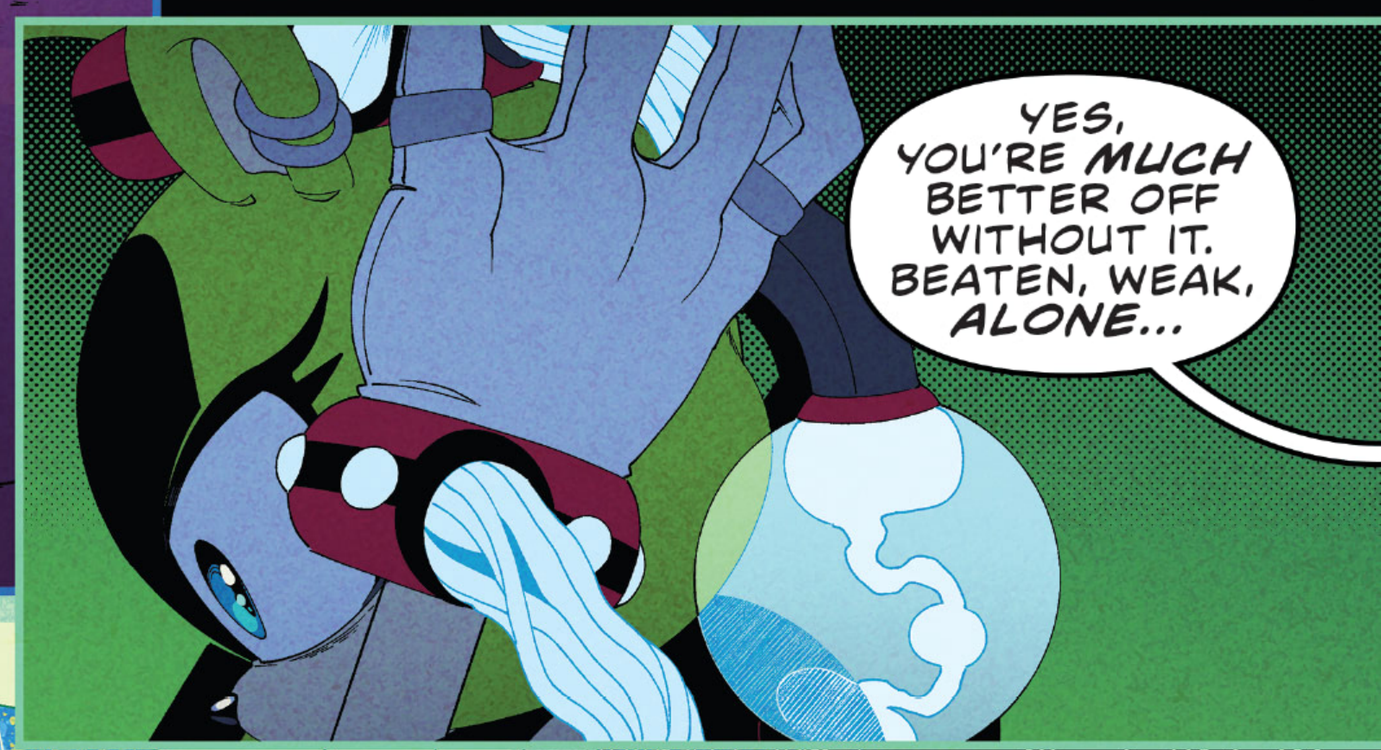

MAN...
...YOU'RE LUCKY SONIC'S AT THE TOP OF MY HIT-LIST.
ZAP

DON'T GET TOO COMFY, DOC. I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU.


BOOM
THAT...
...ROCKED!
A MINUTE MORE AND HE WOULDA BEEN CRYING FOR HIS MOMMA! TESTING THIS BABY OUT IS GONNA BE FUN.
I'M SURE ALL THE OTHER KIDS WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED BY YOUR SCHOOLYARD-BULLYING PROWESS.
WHUH--
SURPRISE. MISS ME?

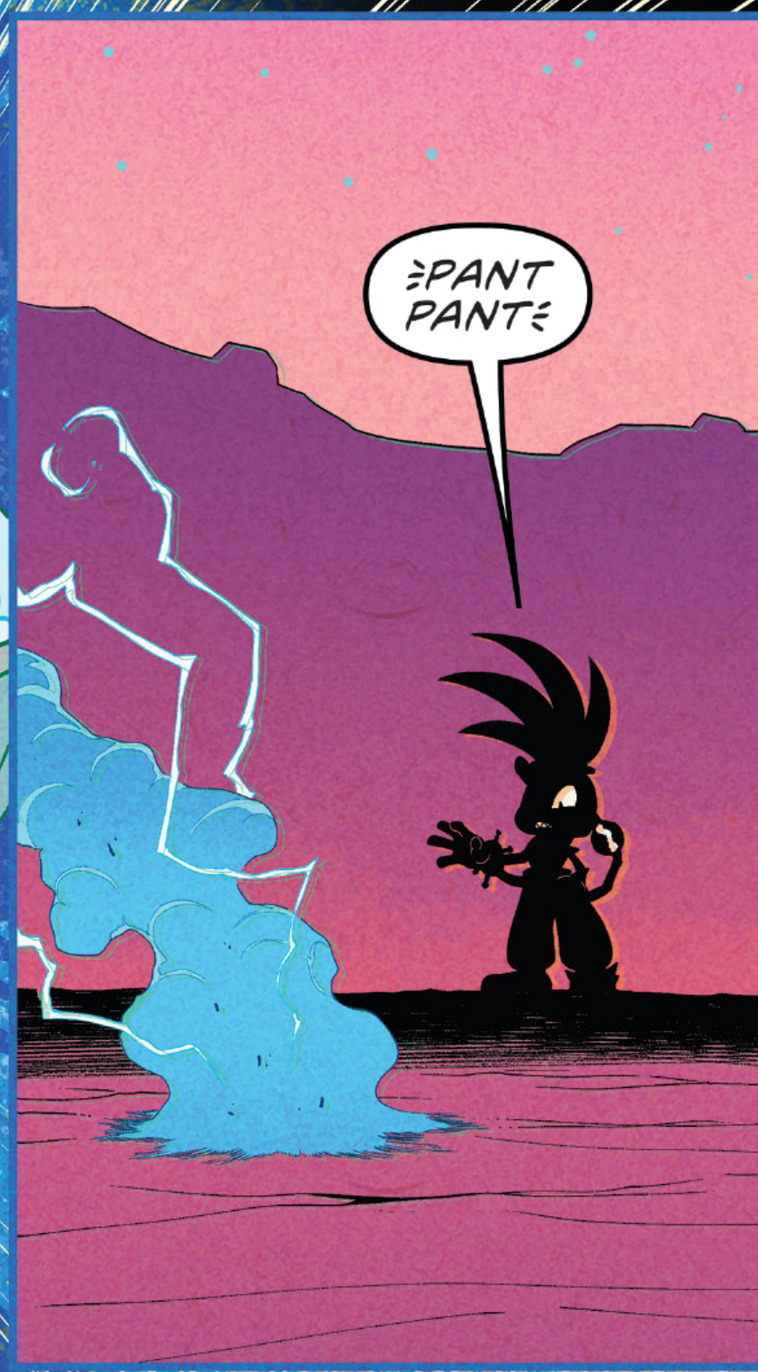

YOUR NEW ACCESSORIES ARE CERTAINLY... A CHOICE.
YOU-- YOU'RE GONE!
HM? OH, THAT. IT'D BE MORE OF A PROBLEM IF I WERE REAL.

THAT LITTLE NUMBER'S GOT YOU RUNNING ON OVERDRIVE, INCLUDING YOUR BRAIN, MINIMAL AS IT MAY BE. PERHAPS I'M YOUR FEVER DREAM.
AS TO WHY YOU'VE SOUGHT MY COUNSEL... WELL. IT'D TAKE ALL DAY TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THAT.
IT'S DOING WHAT?! OH, NO WAY--


YES, YOU'RE MUCH BETTER OFF WITHOUT IT. BEATEN, WEAK, ALONE...

I'M NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU.
YOU AREN'T? THEN WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

NYAAAGH!
KZZZAK


PANT PANT

THE NEXT DAY...
THERE, DONE. GIVE IT A TRY!

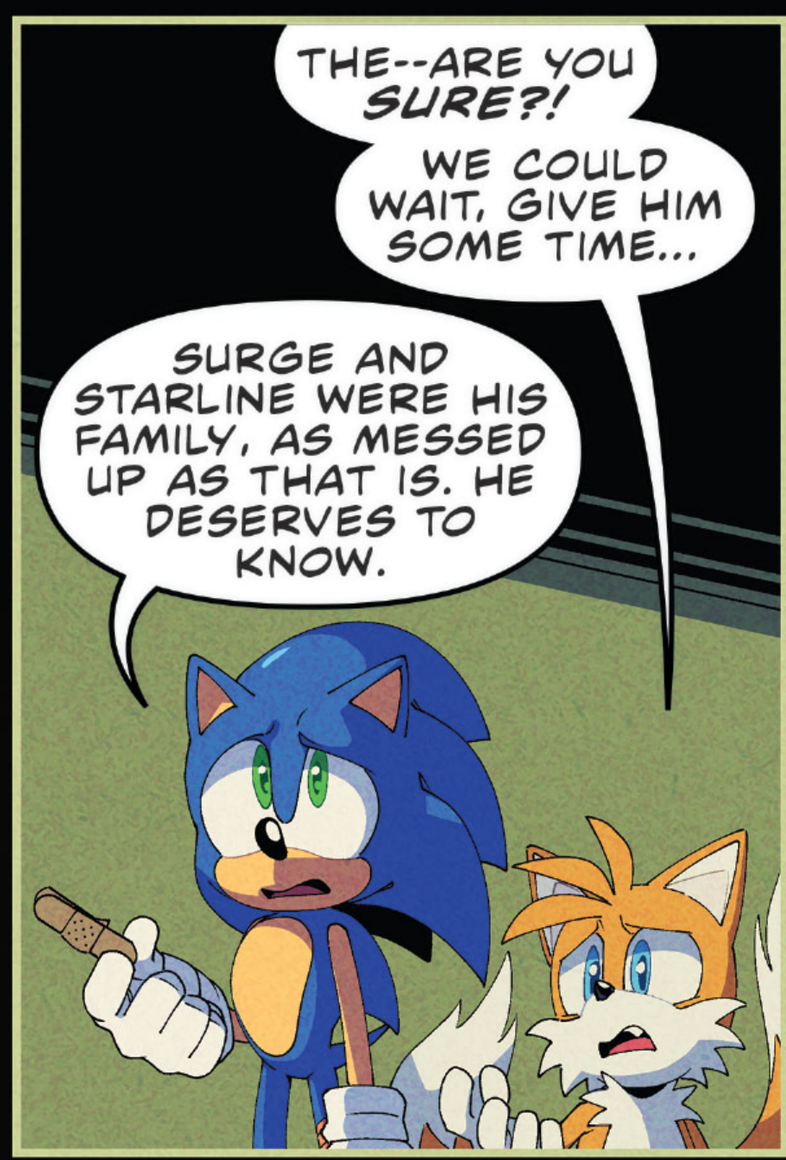
FEELS GREAT! NICE WORK, DOC PROWER.
DO YOU NEED MORE ICE, SIR?

NO THANKS--
I'M OKAY. YOU CAN CHILL, KIT.
M-MORE BANDAGES?
I--I'M SORRY! I'LL DO BETTER...

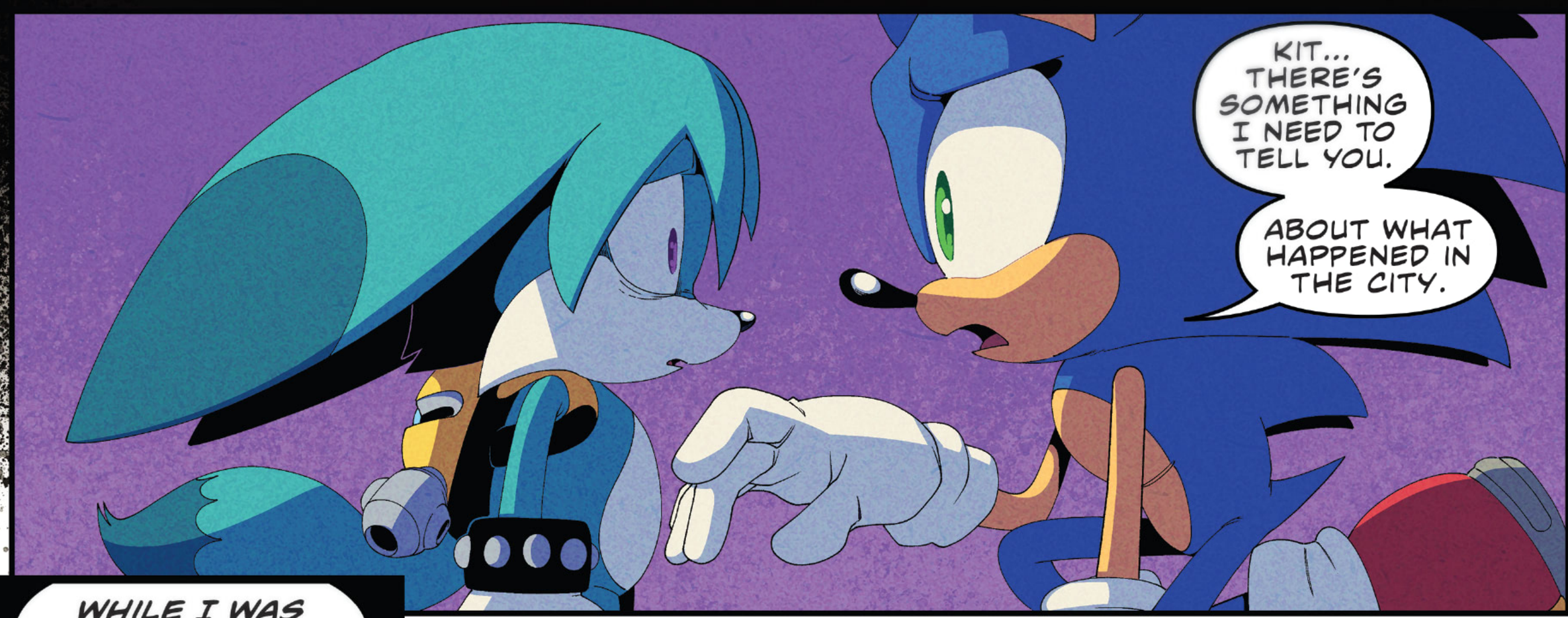
YOU'RE GOOD!
UH... WHY DON'T YOU PUT THE FIRST-AID STUFF AWAY?
YES, SIR!

HOW'S IT GOING?
THERE WAS A LOT OF DAMAGE... I'M NOT SURE WHAT I'M LOOKING AT, OR EVEN WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.
BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIGURE IT OUT. I HAVE TO.

SONIC... WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT KIT?
WELL, I WAS GONNA START WITH THE TRUTH.


THE--ARE YOU SURE?!
WE COULD WAIT, GIVE HIM SOME TIME...
SURGE AND STARLINE WERE HIS FAMILY, AS MESSED UP AS THAT IS. HE DESERVES TO KNOW.

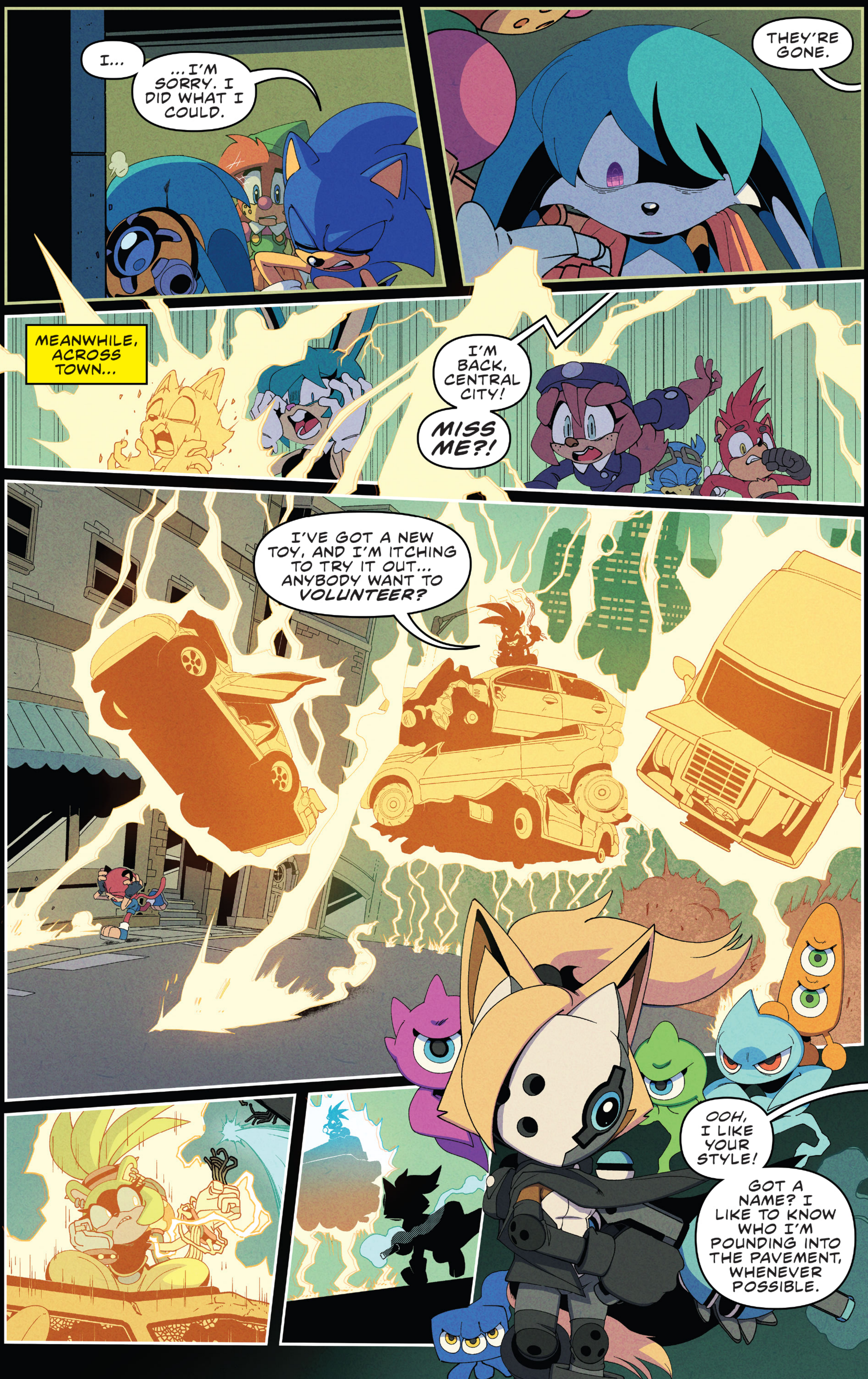
I--I WASN'T SURE WHERE TO PUT THE BOX, I'M SORRY IF IT'S IN THE WRONG PLA--
--AM I IN TROUBLE?


KIT... THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CITY.

WHILE I WAS FIGHTING SURGE, THE GROUND WAS UNSTEADY.
SHE FELL, AND WAS BURIED.

I TRIED TO HELP, BUT SHE... SHE WAS A PROUD FIGHTER, TO THE END.

AND BELLE SAW STARLINE TAKE EGGMAN ON.
HE'S GONE TOO... NOBODY COULD COME BACK FROM THAT.


I...
...I'M SORRY. I DID WHAT I COULD.
THEY'RE GONE.
MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN...
I'M BACK, CENTRAL CITY!
MISS ME?!
I'VE GOT A NEW TOY, AND I'M ITCHING TO TRY IT OUT... ANYBODY WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
OOH, I LIKE YOUR STYLE!
GOT A NAME? I LIKE TO KNOW WHO I'M POUNDING INTO THE PAVEMENT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

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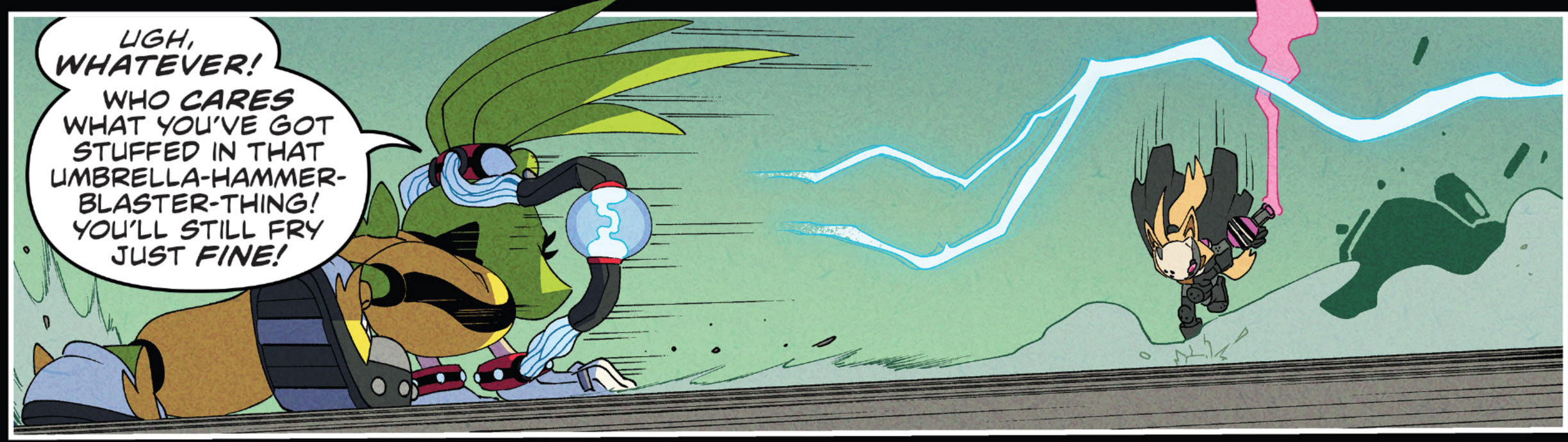
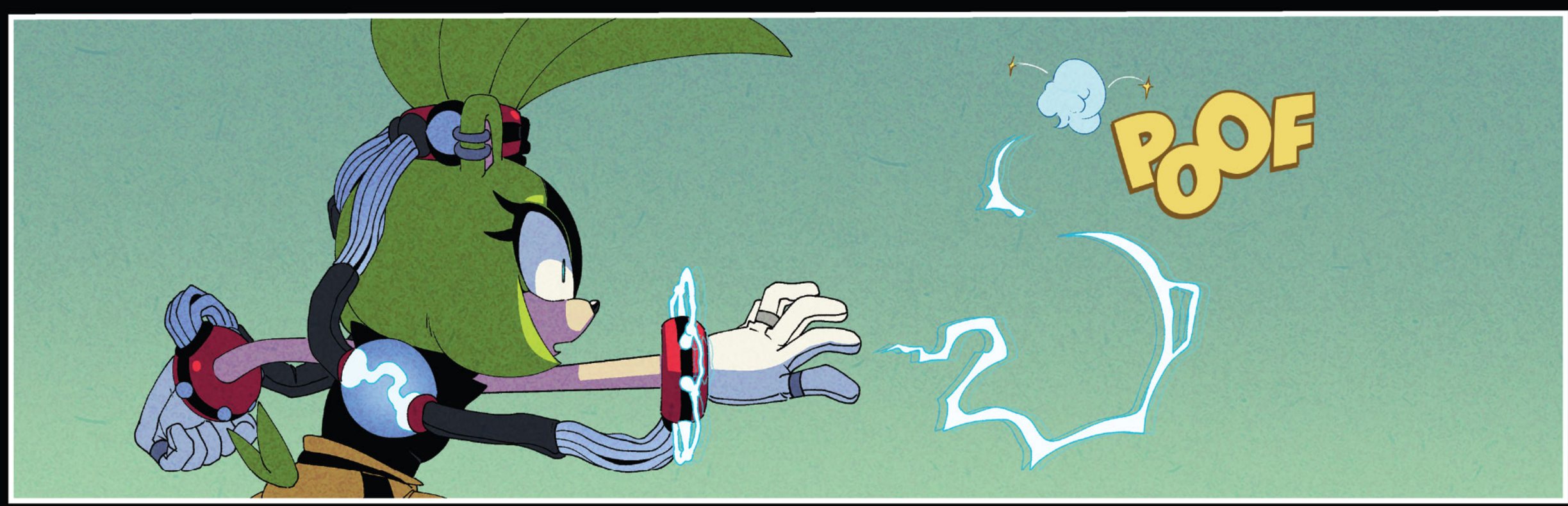
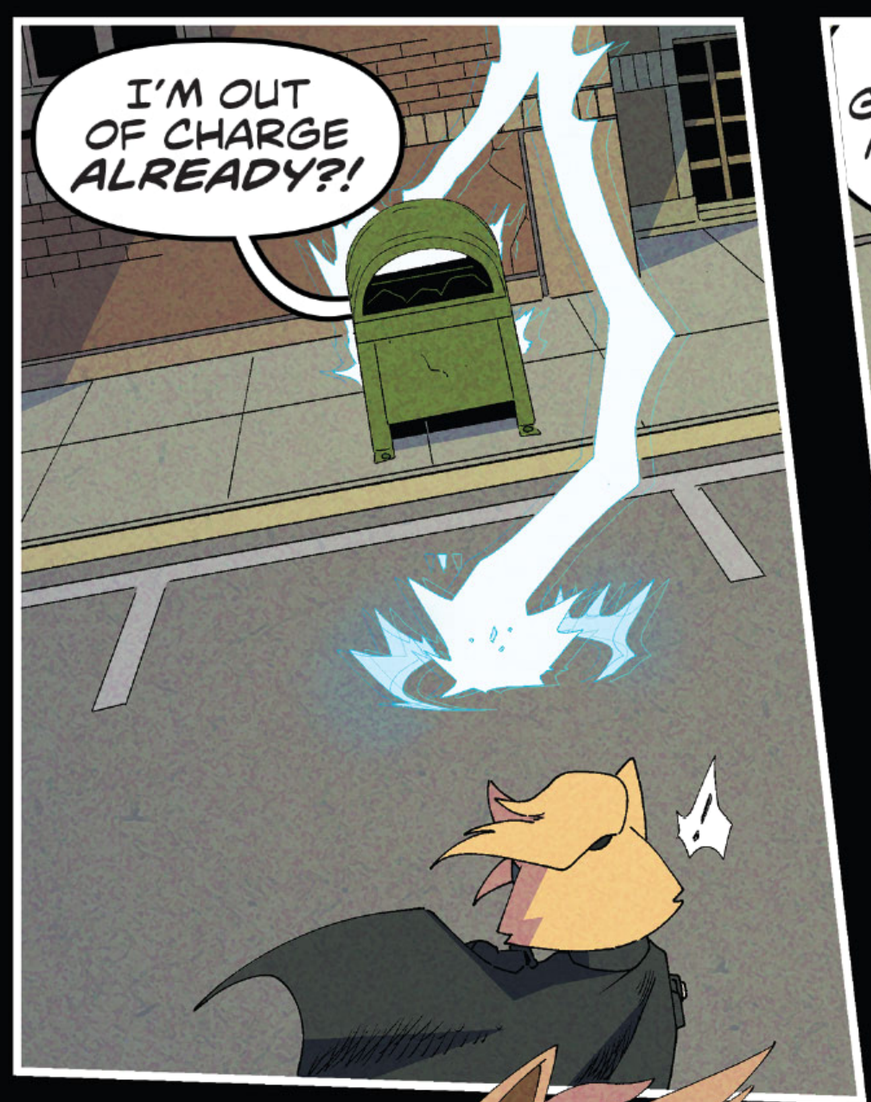
<SHE'S NOT SO SCARY--WE CAN TAKE 'ER!*>
<AGREED. IT WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE TO ALLOW THIS BRUTISH DISPLAY TO CONTINUE.>
*TRANSLATED FROM WISP LANGUAGE VIA WHISPER'S MASK, AS SEEN IN THE TANGLE & WHISPER MINI-SERIES--EDS.
...NOT MUCH OF A TALKER, ARE YA?
YOU'RE NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.
BOOM
<OH, I HOPE THIS IS OVER SOON...>
YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART, HUH? TRY DODGING THIS ONE!
WHAM
GEEZ! IT'S LIKE ONE'A THOSE KNIVES WITH ALL THE LITTLE BITS IN 'EM!
SHUNK
SHUNK
SHUNK

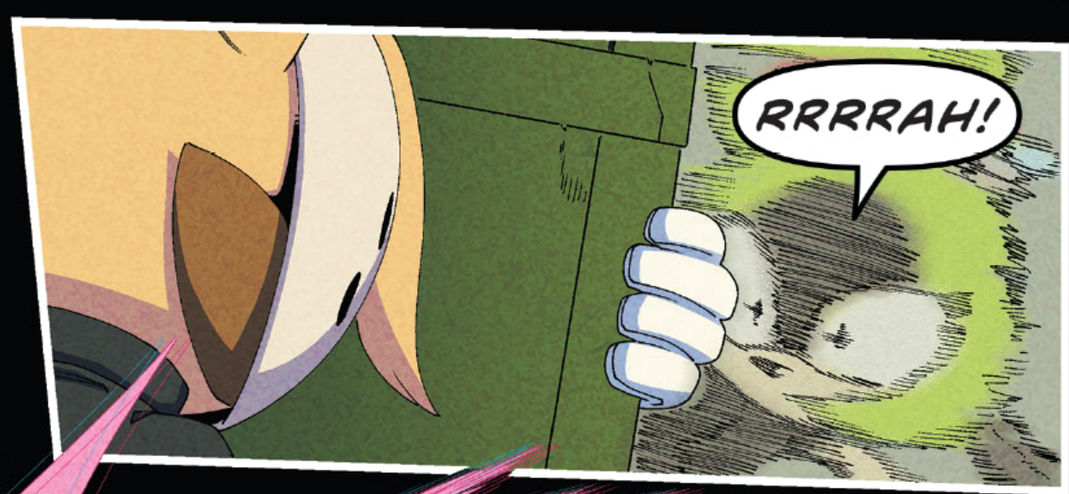

UGH, WHATEVER! WHO CARES WHAT YOU'VE GOT STUFFED IN THAT UMBRELLA-HAMMER-BLASTER-THING! YOU'LL STILL FRY JUST FINE!

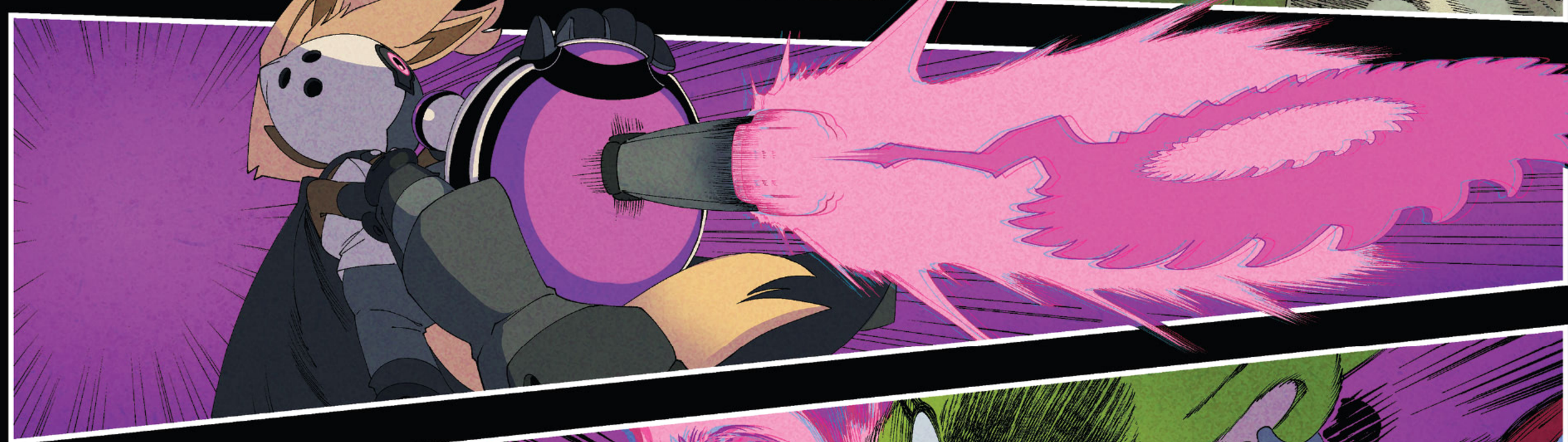

POOF


I'M OUT OF CHARGE ALREADY?!

CRAP! THIS GIZMO IS DRAINING ME FASTER THAN I THOUGHT.
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING I CAN DO, GET SOME MORE POWER...

OH. OH, RIGHT.


RRRRAH!



SKYOW

IT... WORKED!
I LOVE THIS THING.
MY TURN!
PINK!

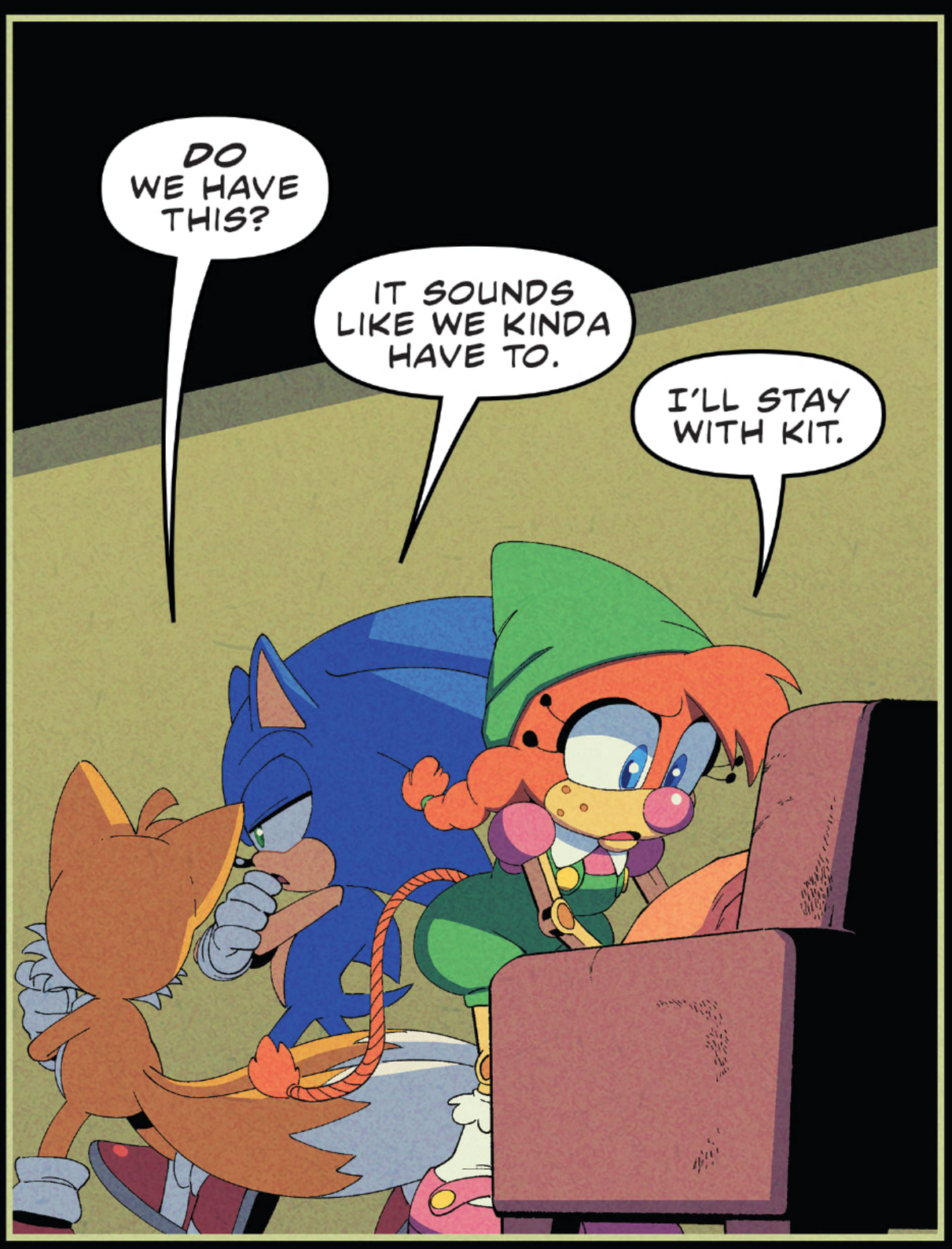
SO THIS IS YOUR TRICK, HUH?
KEEPING SO MUCH POWER TO YOURSELF... YOU SHOULD REALLY LEARN TO SHARE.
NO... NO!
CHAK
WWMMM
WHOA-HO!
NOW THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!
<WHISPER! LET ME BLAST THAT-->
SHUNK-SHUNK
TRYING TO RUN? REALLY? WHEN I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU?

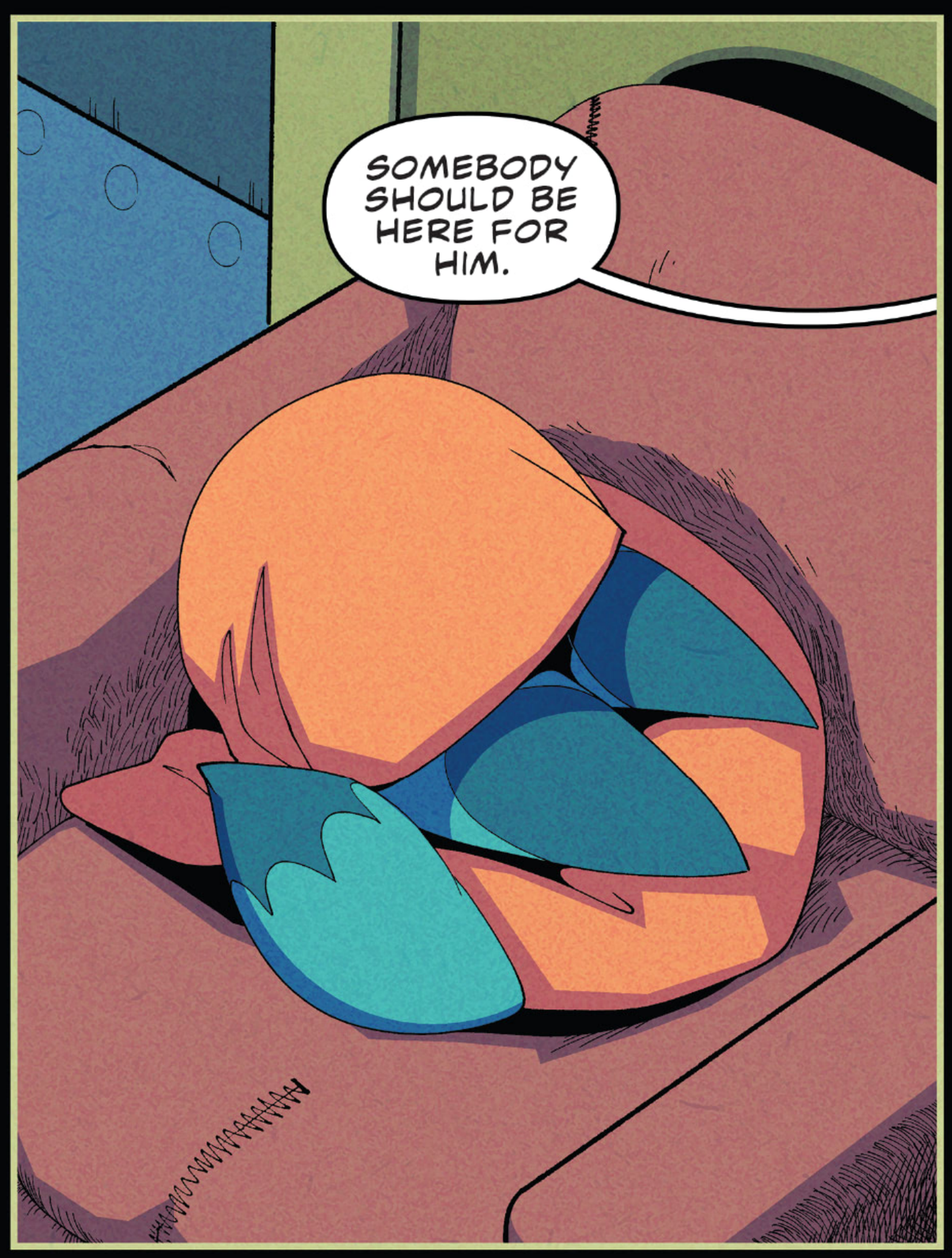
BLUE. I NEED YOU.
YEAH! SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!
WHAM
NAAAUGH!
TCH-- THAT'S IT? AND AFTER YOU GOT ME ALL RILED UP, TOO.
GIVE PINK BACK...
PASS.
CRAKK

WMMM

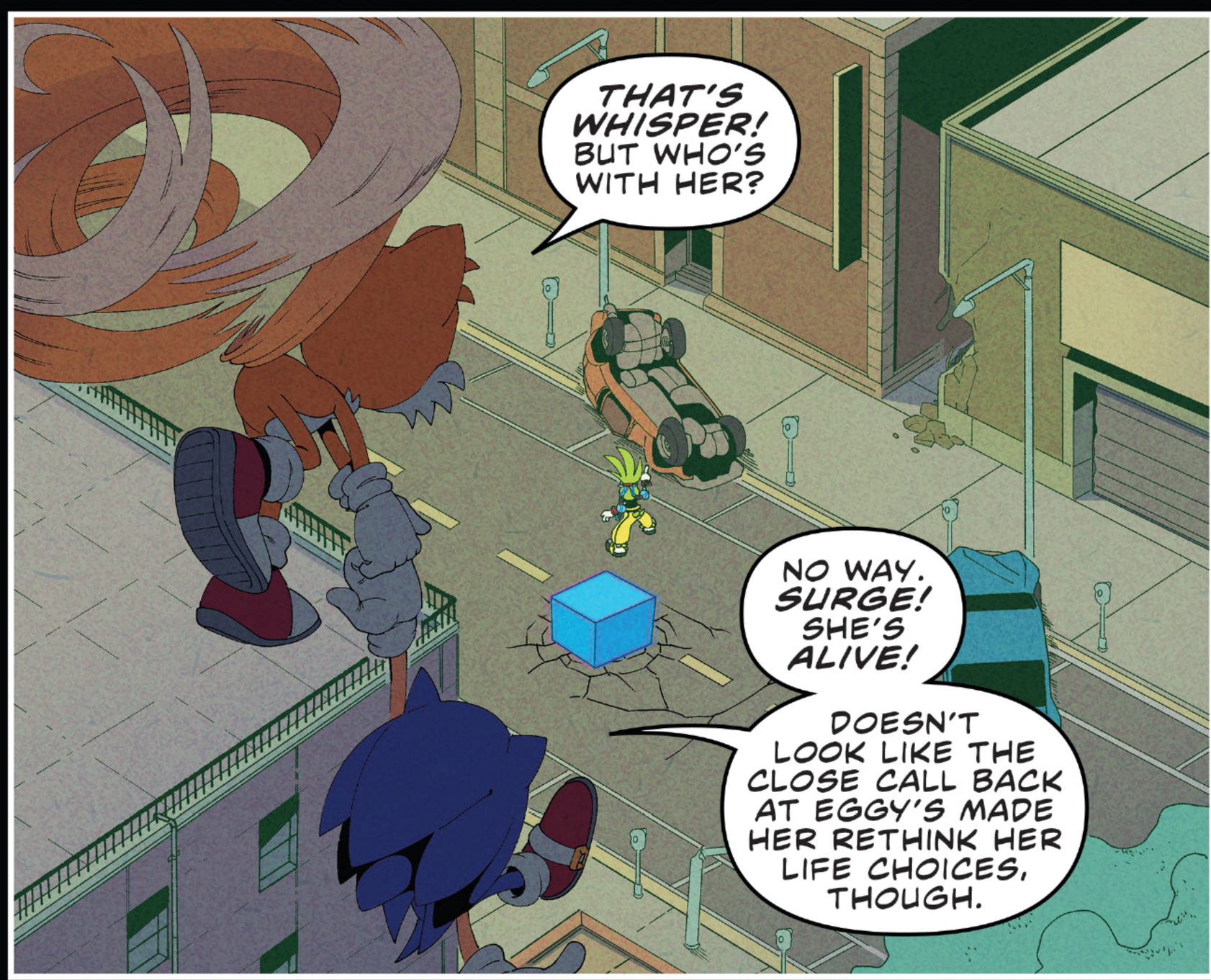
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN, BUT WE KEEP GETTING CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM CENTRAL CITY.
TANGLE AND THE REST OF THE VOLUNTEERS ARE SCRAMBLING TO DEAL WITH THE DAMAGE FROM THAT BADNIK ATTACK THE OTHER NIGHT.
ARE YOU IN THE AREA?
YEAH, AND SONIC'S HERE TOO--DON'T WORRY, WE'LL CHECK IT OUT.

YUP, WE GOT THIS.
OH, THANK GOODNESS! GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO!


DO WE HAVE THIS?
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE KINDA HAVE TO.
I'LL STAY WITH KIT.

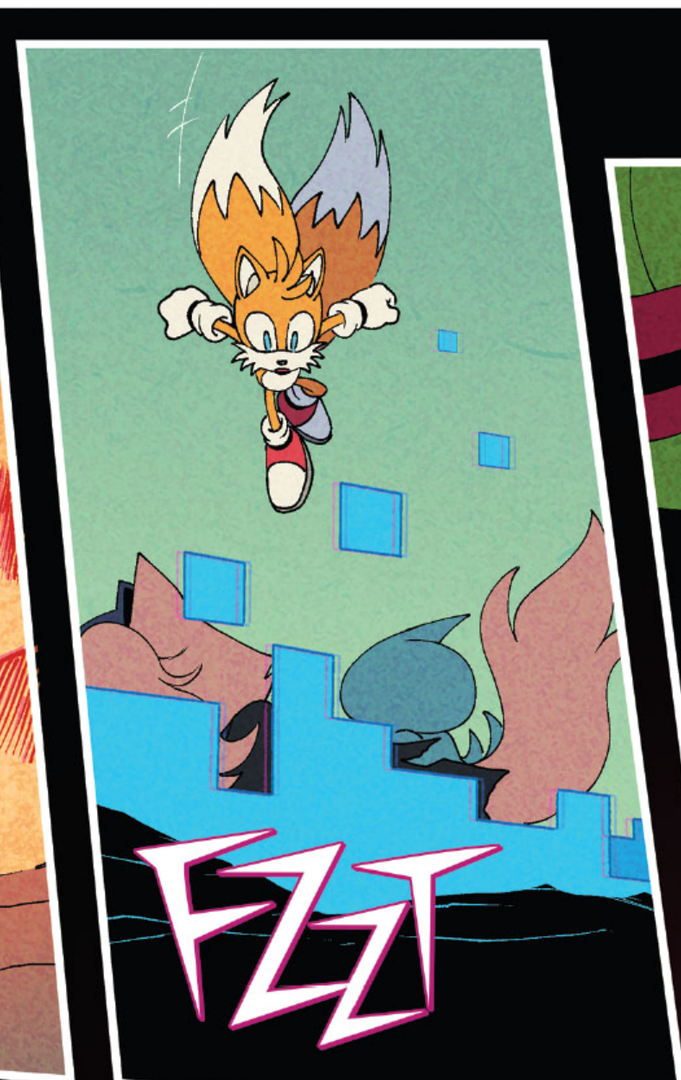

SOMEBODY SHOULD BE HERE FOR HIM.

IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT I'M STARTING TO GET BORED...
SO WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER? I'M ITCHING TO TRY OUT THIS ROCKET THING, BUT MAYBE THE SPIKES?
IT'S WHAT YOU DID TO ME, AFTER ALL. JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.
NNNAUGH!
NICE TRY...
HM. SLOPPY.
EVEN WITH ALL THAT PILFERED POWER, YOU'RE A MESS.
AT LEAST YOU'RE A CONSISTENT MESS...


THAT'S WHISPER! BUT WHO'S WITH HER?
NO WAY. SURGE! SHE'S ALIVE!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE CLOSE CALL BACK AT EGGY'S MADE HER RETHINK HER LIFE CHOICES, THOUGH.

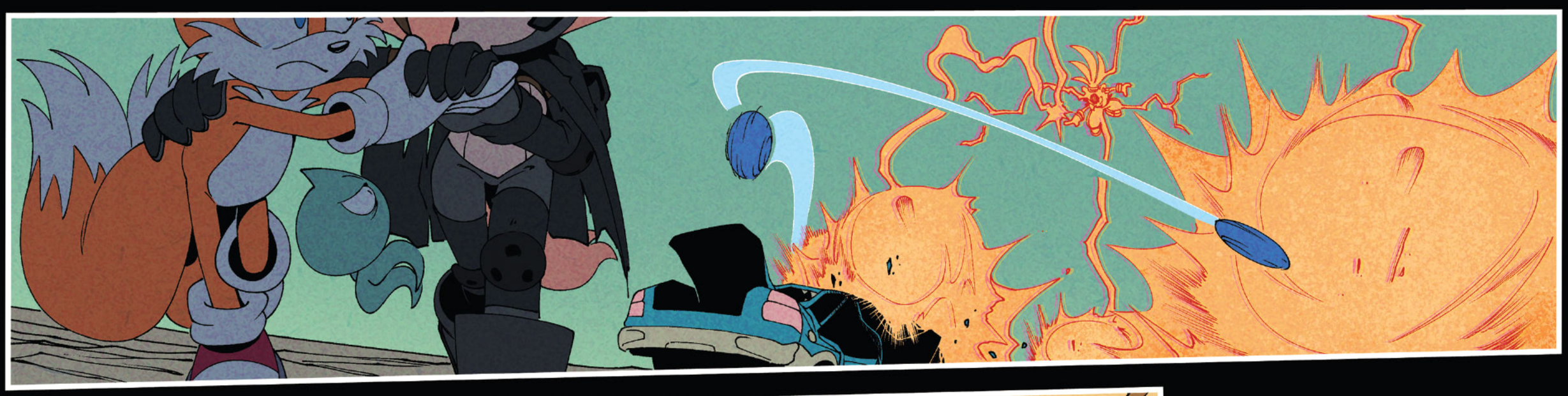
"DON'T WORRY. I CAN HANDLE HER."
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE NOT REAL, YOU'RE GETTING A BEATDOWN.
OH, THIS SHOULD BE FUN...

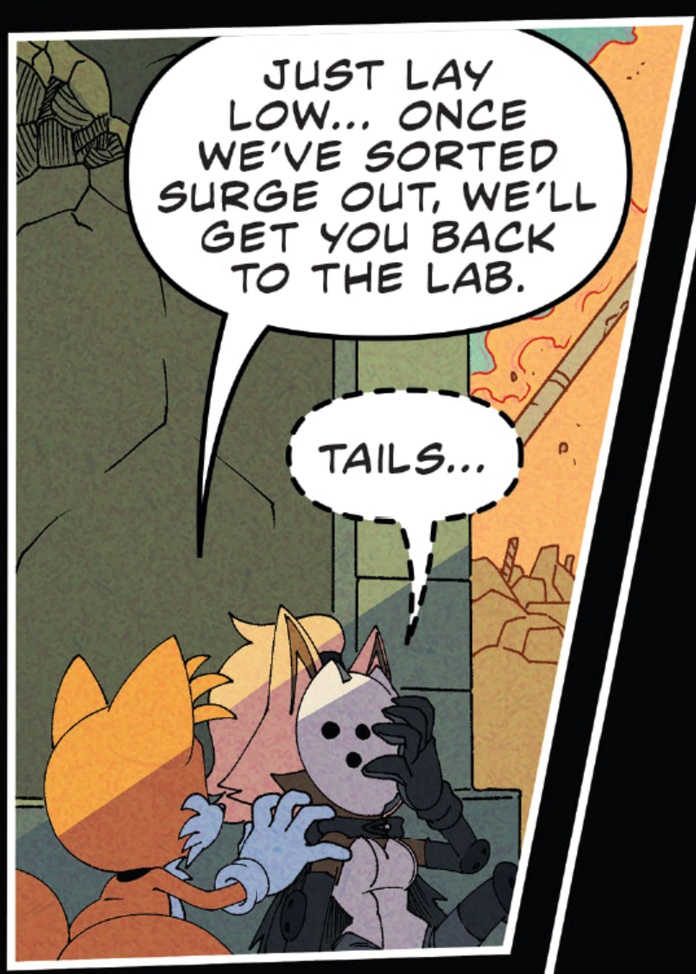
BOOM!


FZZT

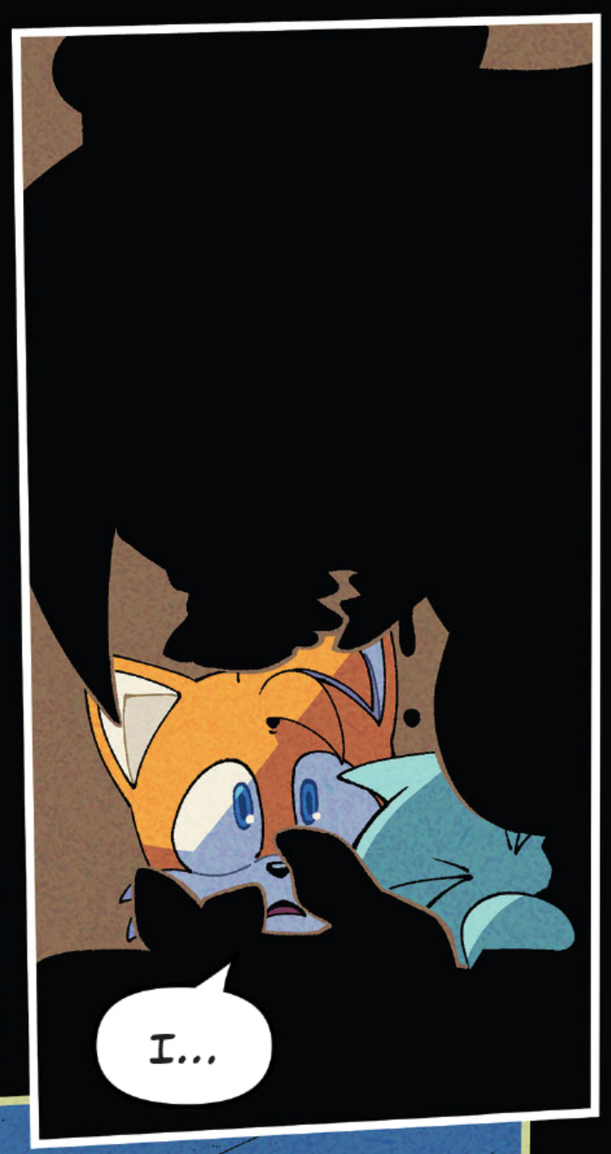
AIMING A LITTLE LOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
SH-- SHUT UP!

...YOU.
HEY, SPARKY! GLAD YOU MADE IT OUT. WHAT'S WITH THE FANCY HEADGEAR?
OUR LAST LITTLE CHAT GOT CUT SHORT... NOW, WHERE WERE WE?




JUST LAY LOW... ONCE WE'VE SORTED SURGE OUT, WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO THE LAB.
TAILS...

...I NEED THEM BACK.

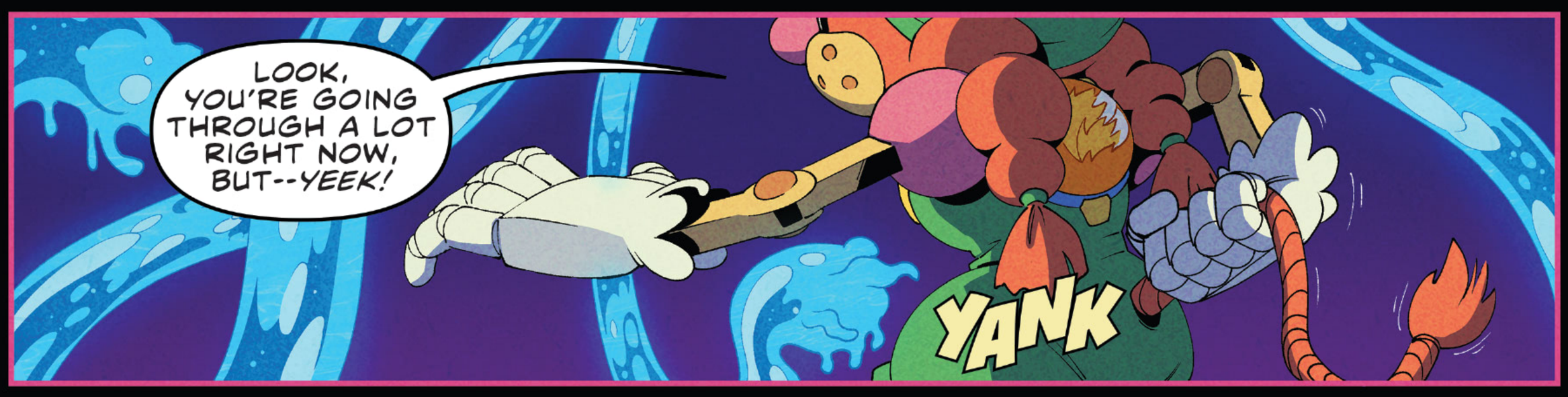

I...

"...WE'LL SAVE THEM, WHISPER. STAY SAFE."
...EYEWITNESS REPORTS CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN OVERTURNED CARS AND INJURED CIVILIANS.

AUTHORITIES STRONGLY ADVISE THAT CITIZENS AVOID THE DOWNTOWN AREA UNTIL THE THREAT CAN BE ASSESSED AND CONTAINED...
CREEAK

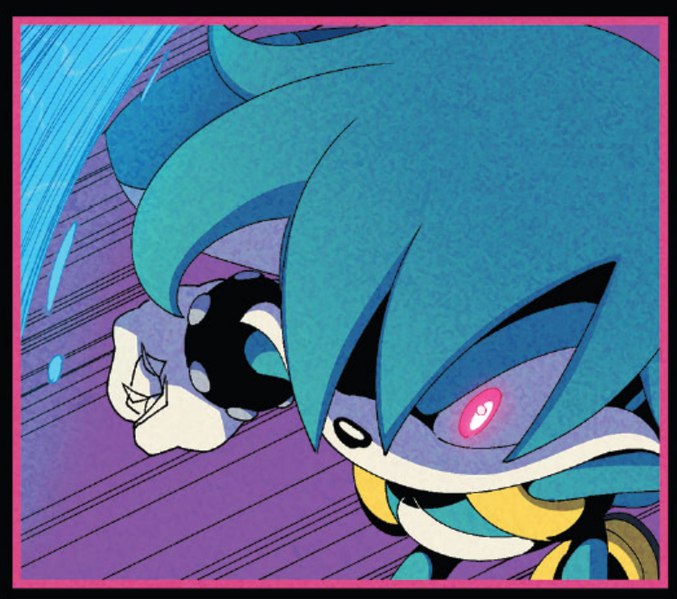
GAH! KIT, NO!

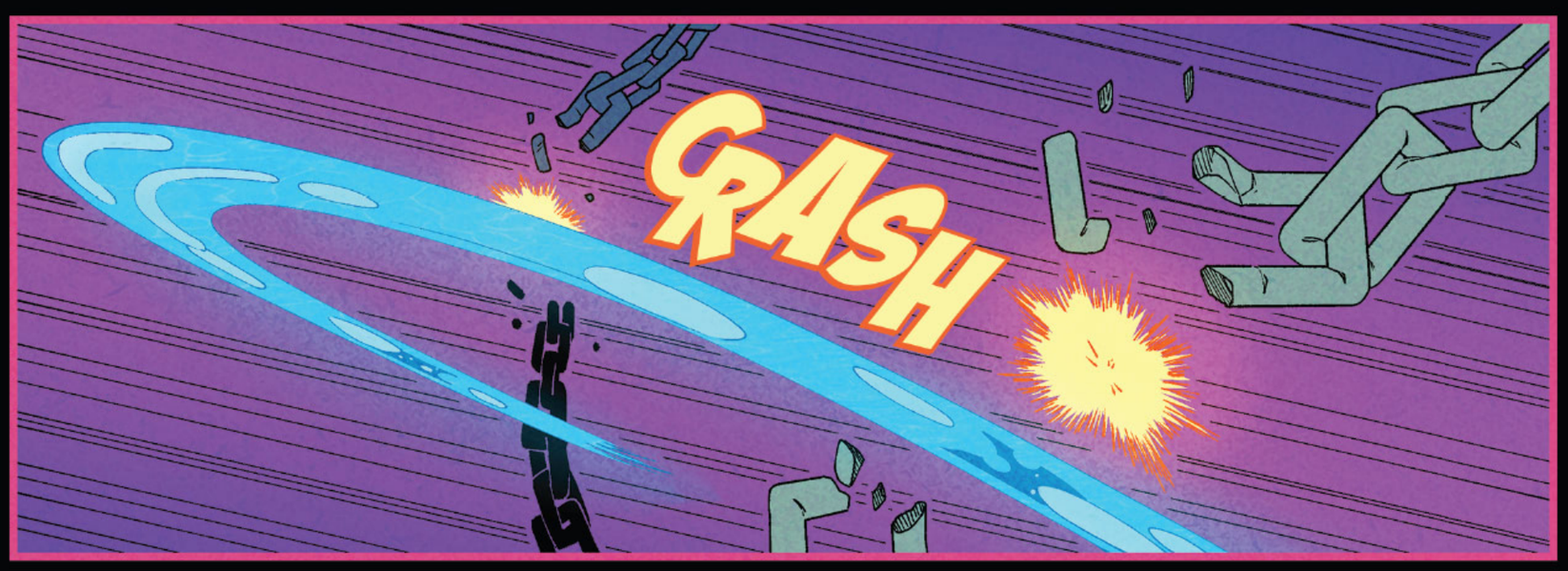
I WANT TO HELP.
GEARS AND STARTERS-- YOU HAVE TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF!
LOOK AFTER MYSELF...
...WHY?
I WAS MADE FOR HER. SHE'S GONE.
BUT SONIC CAN USE ME TOO.
I WON'T LOSE HIM. I CAN'T.


LOOK, YOU'RE GOING THROUGH A LOT RIGHT NOW, BUT--YEEK!
YANK

STOP! WE CAN TALK--
KLIK-DING

AAAH!

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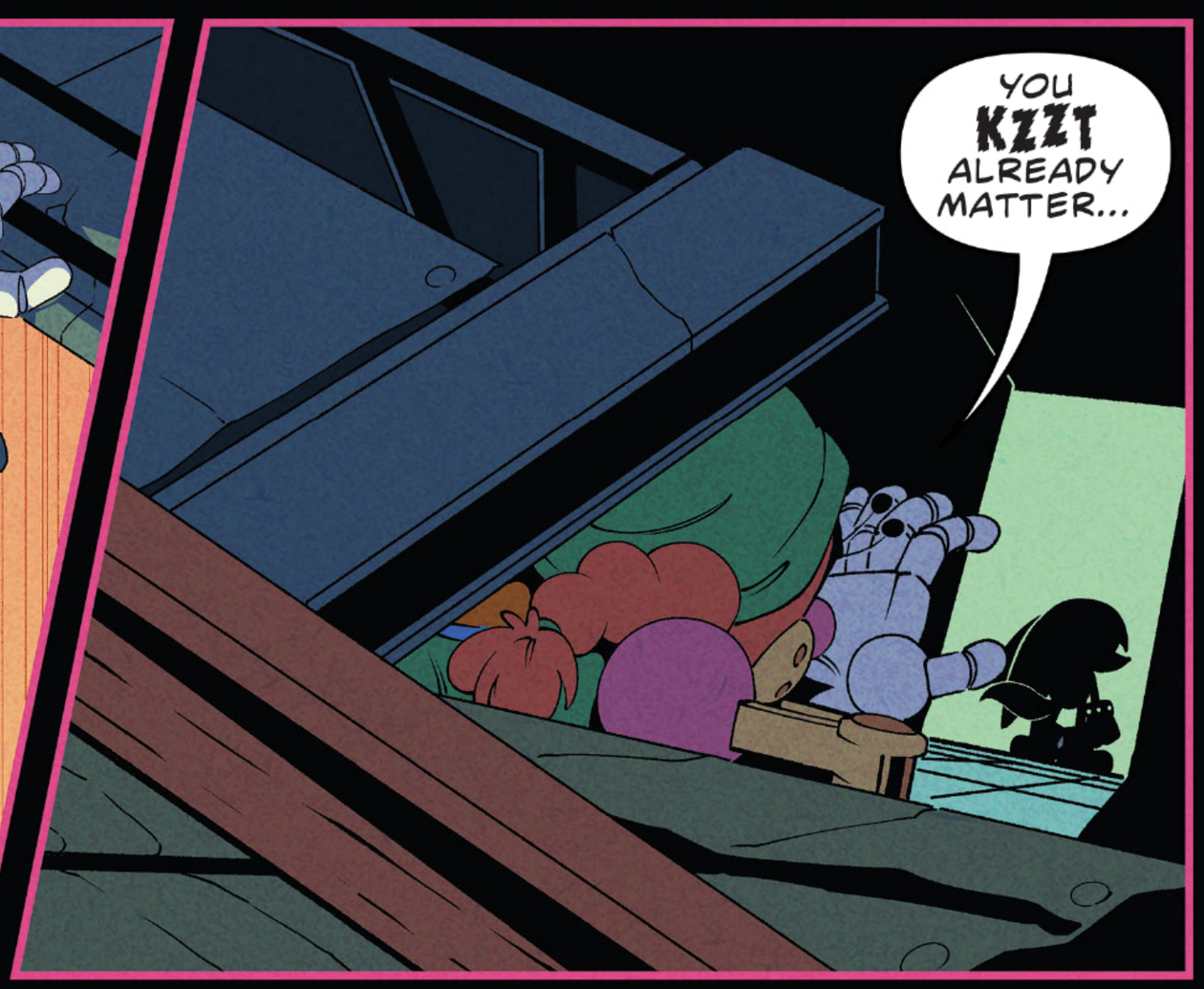
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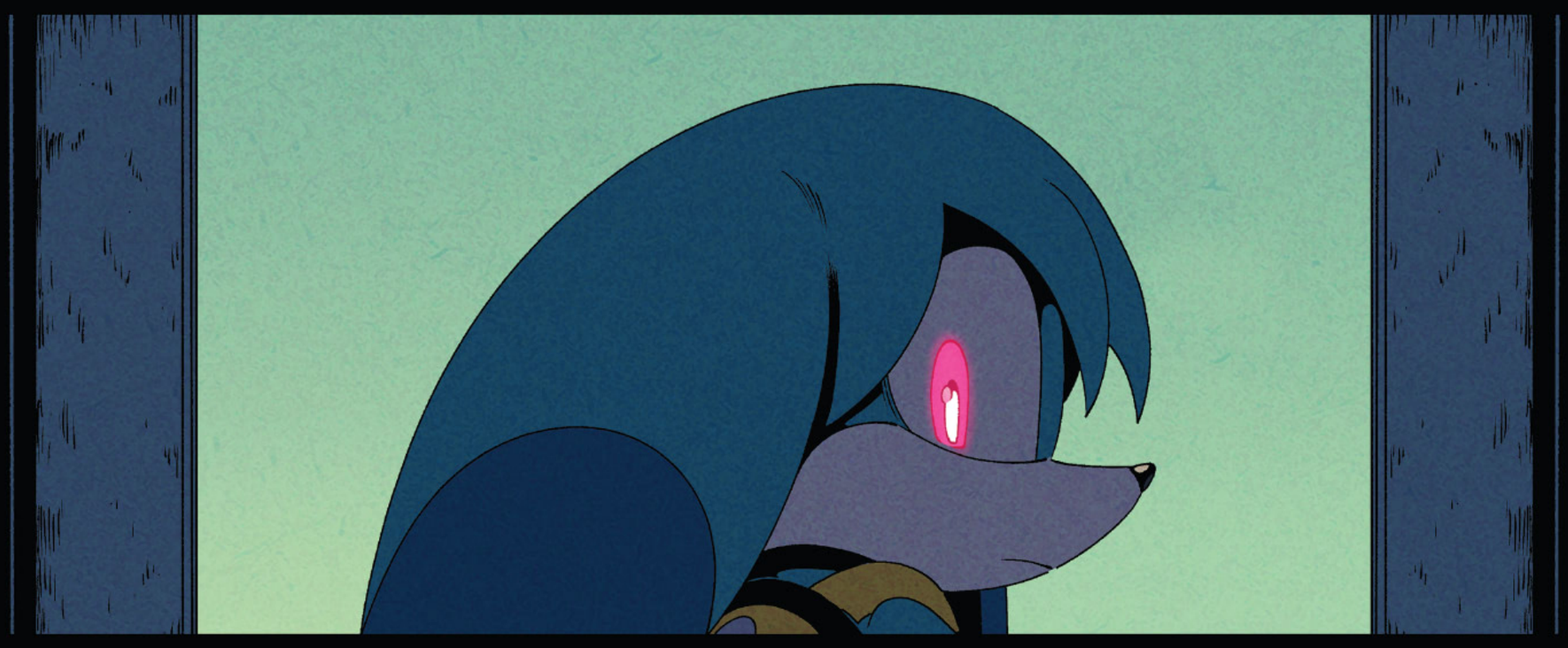

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SURGE & KIT REUNITED?!

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SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

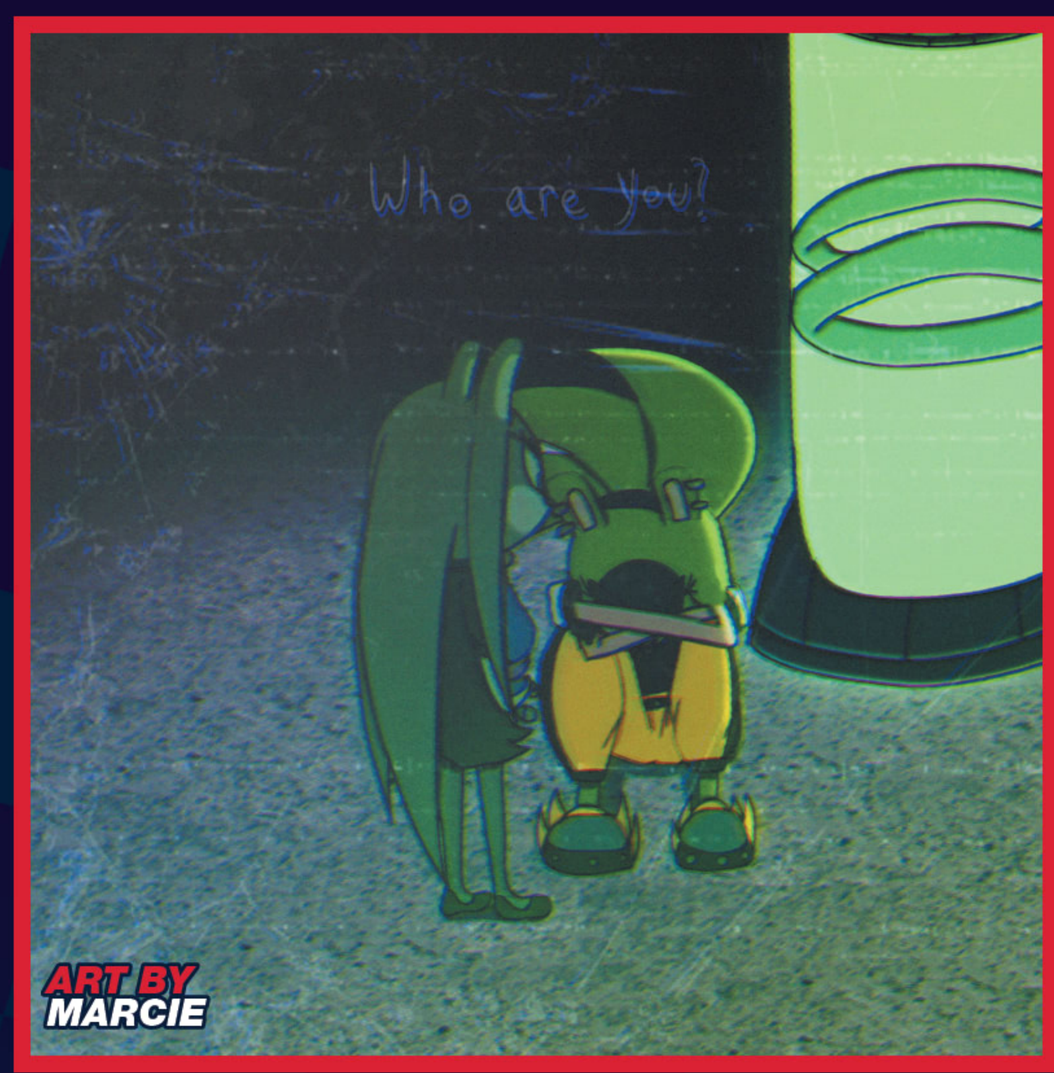
Howdy, Sonic Squad! Don't you just hate it when the bad guys get a surge of power? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for issue #53! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Mauro Fonseca!

Hello again, Sonic squad!

Just wanted to send another congratulations your way on the landmark accomplishment of 50 issues! The buildup has been so interesting and exciting, and I'm a big fan of Surge in particular. The way she contrasts Sonic and her own personal struggles add a unique dimension to the themes of the comic so far, and I'm really interested in seeing how she continues to develop from here. Had to attach some art for the occasion.

Here's to more exciting stories to come!

Marcie



Hello, Marcie,

WOW! Your art is heartbreaking!!! I love it so much. Surge definitely has a unique story that makes her a really compelling character. Right now she's just getting eviler and letting her pain eat her up… I can't wait to see how she develops.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, issue #54 with a super powerful Surge and a super upset Kit!

CREATOR CORNER:

MAURO FONSECA

What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

So far, I've been an interiors penciller and a cover artist. I draw the stuff, basically.

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Amy Rose, the cool sweet and catchy girl and heart of the group. Comics-introduced, Tangle's a favorite too.

How do you take your chili dog?

I've yet to take one at all, never seen the things! I hear in some places they put lots of onion bits, that sounds good.

How did you first discover Sonic?

Seeing some older kid, probably older sister of some friend, playing Sonic 3 on Megadrive, back in like 1994.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

The *30th Anniversary Special!*

What's a boring fact about yourself?

That's the secret, captain, they're all boring facts–I'm terrible at videogames, let's go with that.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Giorgio Cavazzano's *Casablanca, All-Star Superman, Getter Robo, Tintin,* Osamu Tezuka's works... Hard to pick and depends on the mood!

What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?

I'm drawing working on other stuff, mostly–Art for an indie studio named Cellar Chateaux, private commissions, my own comic ideas, or doodles for fun. Outside of drawing, watching old movies or hanging with friends.

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

Might be the old Stay Sonic book–a British 1993 guidebook that explains the world of Sonic as it was seen back then by western Sega based on the Sonic 1 localization, and which served as the base for the UK *Sonic the Comic,* which I love, or the Martin Adams Sonic novels, which are also great.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Big. Some fun times grilling freshly-caught fish in the jungle over the sunset with some music playing.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Human! Humans exist, right? I'd just be boring me. Or a Chao, that'd be fun too. Maybe one of those green Flickies...

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